

MASTER 2 Computational Neurosciences

Internship proposal 2025-2026

(internship from January to June 2026)

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Project title : Noninvasive investigation of cortical circuits using MEG and computational modeling

Project summary : Questions regarding the circuit-level neurophysiological basis of perception and cognition have historically been restricted to studies using animal models due to their typically invasive nature and the relative paucity of circuit-level tools available to investigators employing human subjects. In humans, we lack even basic understanding of how such network-level activity patterns are supported by individual neurons, cortical laminae, and the neural circuits that they comprise. This project will aim to bridge this gap using our group's previously developed source reconstruction techniques for inferring the laminar source of MEG signals, developing biophysical computational models of event-related neural fields, and testing these models against the laminar MEG signals. The project will involve heavy use of the python programming language, the MNE toolkit, and the Human Neocortical Neurosolver modeling framework.

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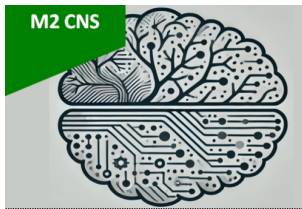
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